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SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a recently released Government Accountability Office report, focusing on funding challenges and facilities maintenance issues at the Smithsonian Institution, and the Smithsonian's real property management efforts and its efforts to develop and implement strategies to fund its facilities projects, after receiving testimony from Mark L. Goldstein, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and Cristian Samper, Acting Secretary, and Roger

W. Sant, Chairman, Executive Committee, and Robert P. Kogod, Chairman, Facilities Revitalization Committee, both of the Board of Regents, all of the Smithsonian Institution.

REVERSE MORTGAGES

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine reverse mortgages, focusing on the Federal Housing Administration's Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) program, after receiving testimony from Meg Burns, Director, Federal Housing Administration (FHA) Single Family Program Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Prescott Cole, Coalition to End Elder Financial Abuse (CEASE), San Francisco, California; Donald L. Redfoot, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Public Policy Institute, Billings, Montana; George B. Lopez, James B. Nutter and Company, Kansas City, Missouri; and Carol Anthony, King City, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 63 public bills, H.R. 4457–4519; 4 private bills, H.R. 4520–4523; and 5 resolutions, H.J. Res. 69; H. Con. Res. 269; and H. Res. 870–872, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: H.R. 2537, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to beach monitoring, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–491); and H. Res. 869, providing for consideration of (H.J. Res. 69) making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2008, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 110–492)

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Bishop Earl J. Wright, Sr., Greater Miller Memorial Church of God in Christ, Warren, Michigan.

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National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008: The House agreed to the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 1585) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2008 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Depart-

ment of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a ye-and-nay vote of 370 yeas to 49 nays, Roll No. 1151.

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Pursuant to the rule, the managers on the part of the House on H.R. 3093 are discharged and the bill is laid on the table.

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H. Res. 860, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a ye-and-nay vote of 226 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1146.

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Directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1585: The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Con. Res. 269, to direct the Clerk of the House of Representatives to correct the enrollment of H.R. 1585.

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Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Hastings of Florida, wherein he resigned from the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, effective today.

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Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization: The House passed H.R. 4299, to extend the Terrorism Insurance Program of the Department of

the Treasury, by a recorded vote of 303 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 1150. **Pages H15354–68**

Rejected the Baccus motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Financial Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 173 yeas to 246 nays, Roll No. 1149. **Pages H15365–67**

H. Res. 862, the rule providing for consideration of the bill, H.R. 4299, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 223 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 1145.

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AMT Relief Act of 2007: The House passed H.R. 4351, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide individuals temporary relief from the alternative minimum tax, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 226 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 1153. **Pages H15368–82**

Point of Order sustained against: McCrery motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment. **Pages H15380–81**

Agreed to table the McCrery motion to appeal the ruling of the Chair by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1152. **Page H15381**

H. Res. 861, the rule providing for consideration of the conference report, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 225 yeas to 191 nays, Roll No. 1148, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 1147. **Pages H15327–34, H15340–41**

Presidential Veto Message—Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007: Read a message from the President wherein he announced his veto of H.R. 3963, to amend title XXI of the Social Security Act to extend and improve the Children's Health Insurance Program, and explained his reasons therefor—ordered printed (H. Doc. 110–80). **Pages H15382–91**

Subsequently, the House agreed to the Hoyer motion to postpone further consideration of the veto message and bill until Wednesday, January 23, 2008, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 1154. **Pages H15383–91**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Over-the-Road Bus Transportation Accessibility Act of 2007: H.R. 3985, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to register a person providing transportation by an over-the-road bus as a motor carrier of passengers only if the person is willing and able to comply with certain accessibility requirements in addition to

other existing requirements, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nays vote of 211 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 1155.

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Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following members to the Board of Trustees of the Congressional Hunger Fellows Program: Mr. James P. McGovern, Worcester, Massachusetts and Jo Ann Emerson, Cape Girardeau, Missouri. **Page H15392**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on page H15320.

Senate Referrals: S. 793 was referred to Energy and Commerce. **Page H15407**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Ten yeas-and-nays votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H15338–39, H15339–40, H15340, H15340–41, H15366–67, H15367–68, H15368, H15381, H15382, H15391 and H15391–92. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:53 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered reported the following measures: as amended, the CFTU Reauthorization Act of 2007; H.J. Res. 15, Recognizing the contributions of the Christmas tree industry to the United States economy; H.R. 1374, To amend the Florida National Forest Land Management Act of 2003 to authorize the conveyance of an additional tract of National Forest System land under that Act, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3454, To provide for the conveyance of a small parcel of National Forest System land in the George Washington National Forest in Alleghany County, Virginia, that contains the cemetery of the Central Advent Christian Church and an adjoining tract of land located between the cemetery and road boundaries.

BASE CLOSURE DECISIONS IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure 2005 decisions. Testimony was heard from Philip Grone, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment, Department of Defense; Brian Lepore, Director, Defense Capabilities